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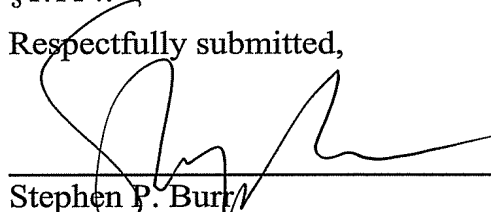
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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. The required copy of the reference listed on Form PTO-1449 is attached.

Also enclosed is a copy of a Japanese Office Action (and an English translation) bearing a mailing date of December 16, 2008 from a corresponding Japanese patent application, and the U.S. PTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 09-309416 A1 cited in the above Japanese Office Action was previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed December 19, 2005.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office may, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention.

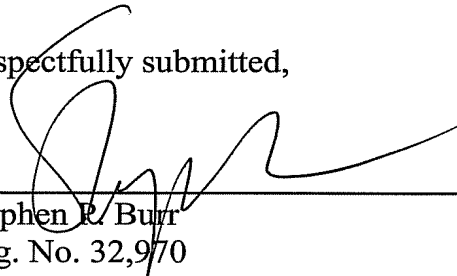
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